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Supplemental Response

Sir:

This letter is in further response to the Amendment filed on March 5 for the above-identified patent application. The undersigned has now received freshly executed Declarations containing three original signatures, for Inventors Tony Felldin, Gerhard Ploke, and Norbert Schneider. It is respectfully requested that the enclosed Declaration be entered into the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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